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In re : Bagwell, J. Brian                      Atty Docket : 32984-01  
Serial No.: 10/816,058                      Examining Atty: Unknown  
Filing Date: April 1, 2004                      Group Art:  
Title: Compacting Method and Apparatus

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**PETITION**

Applicant respectfully petitions that the filing date 04/01/04 be officially accorded to the above listed application. Applicant filed application with all the requisite parts, including a specification as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112 containing a description pursuant to §1.171 and at least one claim pursuant to §1.75 and any drawing required by §1.81(a) in the Patent and Trademark Office on 04/01/04, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53. Applicant attaches as proof the affidavits of attorney of record and assistant for attorney of record.

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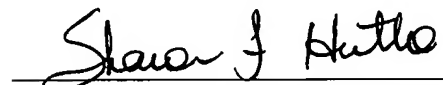
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**AFFIDAVIT OF SARA A. CENTIONI**

1.     My name is Sara A. Centioni.
2.     I reviewed the entire patent application, including specification drawings and declaration. thereafter, I signed the application and instructed my assistant, Marie Cobb, to mail the application.
3.     I observed the application materials before they were placed in an envelope for mailing and these materials included both the drawings and declaration.
4.     I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any registration resulting therefrom.

  
Sara A. Centioni

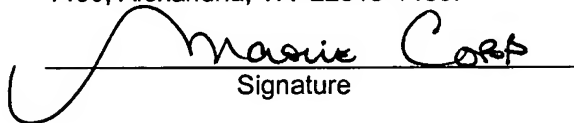
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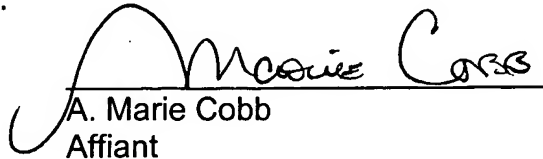
**AFFIDAVIT OF A. MARIE COBB**

1.     My name is A. Marie Cobb.
2.     I am a secretary of Nexsen Pruet Jacobs & Pollard, LLC. I have held this position approximately two years.
3.     I am specifically assigned to work for Sara A. Centioni, Esquire.
4.     As part of my responsibilities, as instructed by Attorney Sara A. Centioni, I prepare and file documents with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
5.     On April 1, 2004, Sara A. Centioni gave the file for the above-referenced matter to me and asked that I mail the non-provisional patent application. now listed as Application Serial No. 10/816,058.
6.     As instructed, I mailed 32 pages which included the Transmittal, the application, the combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, six sheets of drawings, and a Certificate of Transmission by first class mail. I paper-clipped the entire package and placed it in the mail. To further ensure that the drawings would be not be separated by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, I placed the drawings before the Certificate of Mailing.

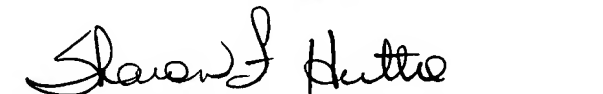
7. Enclosed is an exact copy of the application as mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any registration resulting therefrom.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

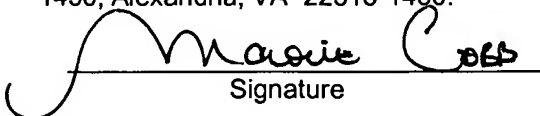
  
A. Marie Cobb  
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